

	COSTED EVALUATION PLAN FOR LESOTHO
Programme title:	UNFPA LESOTHO 8TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME
Programme cycle:	January 2024- December 2028
Region	East and Southern Africa Region (ESARO)
Evidence utilised in the design of the costed plan	<p>This costed evaluation plan is based on the previous similar activities conducted during 7th country program such as: The 7th country program evaluation which focused on relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the 7th Country Programme conducted 2022/23. The report is currently with the evaluation office for rating. The Lesotho UNSDCF evaluation conducted in 2022/3 focused on the achievement of joint UN programs relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability within the context of Lesotho.</p>
CP areas	<p>The 8th Country Programme will cover three Strategic Plan Outcome areas: Family planning: By 2025, the reduction in the unmet need for family planning has accelerated Preventable maternal deaths: By 2025, the reduction of preventable maternal deaths has accelerated GBV and other harmful practices, with HIV as a cross-cutting outcome: By 2025, the reduction in gender based violence and harmful practices has accelerated.</p> <p>It will a be aligned to the 3 UNCSF Outcomes: Outcome 1: People living in Lesotho are better served by improved governance systems and structures that are inclusive, accountable, with people empowered, engaged, and enjoying human rights, peace, justice, and security by 2028. Outcome 2: All people living in Lesotho enjoy improved food and nutrition security, with transformed national food systems, benefiting from natural resources and green growth that is risk informed, and climate resilient. Outcome 3: People living in Lesotho, especially the most vulnerable, benefit from transformative economic development and reduced inequalities in an enabling business environment with increased decent employment, with equitable and sustainable access to social services.</p> <p>The the outcomes will be reached through 3 country program outputs: Output 1: By 2028 Lesotho has gender responsive Laws, policies and accountability frameworks developed, harmonized and strengthened to address sexual reproductive health and rights, HIV prevention, GBV response and harmful practices for vulnerable populations including in humanitarian contexts. Output 2: Strengthened capacity of systems, institutions and communities to provide high-quality, comprehensive SRHR/HIV/GBV including HIV information and services practices.</p>

	Output 3: By 202Lesotho has strengthened multi-sectorial prevention and responses, including mechanisms for addressing harmful social norms, to achieve a progressive reduction in gender-based violence.					
Evaluations						
Evaluation Title and type:	Purpose of the Evaluation	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$	Source of Funding	Key Evaluation Partners	Is it a joint exercise
LESOTHO COUNTRY PROGRAM EVALUATION (2024-2028)	The country programme evaluation: i) Assesses the level of achievement of results, examine major developments and new development challenges that have occurred during the implementation of 8 th CP; ii) Assesses how effectively UNFPA achieved the strategic results iii) Assess how existing management and coordination mechanisms have supported the implementation of the 8 th CP 2024-2028, including analysis of partnerships, resource mobilization, adequacy of resources for expected results, communication mechanisms and strategy around the programme; and iv) Identifies constraints and lessons learned from the	Jun 2026- Feb 2026	70 000	Regular resources	Beneficiaries, Implementing Partners, UNFPA, UN Agencies, donors and development partners	No

	implementation of 8 th CP and formulate concrete recommendations and directions to be taken into account in the formulation of the next programme					
EVALUATION UNSDCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess progress towards the realization of the outputs, UNSCF outcomes, and the overall contribution towards the national priorities Analyze relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of cooperation framework; and Draw lessons learned to inform CP adjustments and its contribution to the UN Reform process. 	Jan 2027-Dec 2027	10 000	Core and non-core resources	UN System, Government of Lesotho, Civil Society Organizations, Development Partners	Yes
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
UN coherence in evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSDCF workshops and meeting to review progress of made during implementation Attendance of evaluation workshops to ensure that UNFPA is clearly addressed 			Regular resources	UN System, Government of Lesotho, Civil Society Organizations, Development Partners	

Internal capacity development activity on evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E capacity development on evaluation and new evaluation trends will be attend, to ensure that the office is knowledgeable in this regard. • Evaluation meeting and training with regional office and HQ 	2026 and 2027	1000	Regular resources	UNFPA ESARO and HQ	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training to capacitate our implementing partners to conduct evaluations. • Monitor young evaluator to build skills of Basotho to conduct evaluations 	November 2025- 2026	4000	Regular resources	Implementing Partners, UNFPA, UN Agencies	Other UN agencies